(d) The required information is as under:—

Particulars	Season 1992-93
1. Production of sugarcane (million tonnes)	230.8
2. Cane crushed by sugar mills (lakh tonnes)	1029.71
3. Recovery of sugar* cane	10.31

(e) No letter of intent has been issued for setting up of new sugar mills in the country during the last sugar year 1992-93 (October— September). However, 74 letters of intent have been issued during the current 1993-94 sugar year till 30-6-1994. Out of these, no letter of intent/licence has been issued for the setting up of a new sugar factory in the State of Punjab.

Statement

STATE-WISE PRODUCTION OF SUGAR DURING 1992-93 SEASON (OCTOBER-SEPTEMBER).

(Lakh Tonnes)

SI. No	State	Production
1.	Punjab	4.09
X	Haryana	3.45
3.	Rajasthan	0.24
4.	Uttar Pradesh	28.57
5.	Madhya Pradesh	0.60
6.	Gujarat	7.51
7.	Maharashtra	33.60
8.	Bihar	3.27
9.	Assam	0.08
10.	Orissa	0.33
11.	West Bengal	0.04
12.	Nagaland	0.03
13.	Andhra Pradesh	5.40
14.	Karnataka	8.48
15.	Tamil Nadu	9.76
16.	Pondicherry	0.45
17.	Kerala	0.06
18.	Goa	0.13
	ALL INDIA	106.09

Delay in Supply of Essential Commodities from FCI Godowns

2494. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat, sugar, rice and other commodities do not reach the Fair Price Shops in time from godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Delhi, Rajasthan and Orissa in particular and other States in general despite depositing money;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Union Government in this regard so far during 1994-95 as compared to 1993-94 (State-wise); and

(d) the action taken by Government to avoid such harassment being faced by the public who inspite of paying higher prices for commodities are not receiving the same in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). FCI supplies wheat and rice to States/Union Territories and their nominees as per the monthly allocations made by the Central Government. FCI also supplies sugar from its stocks to 15 States/UTs except Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh etc. There is no delay on the part of FCI in releasing of stocks from its depots to State Govemments/UTs and their nominees after they have deposited the value of grains/sugar and no complaint to that effect has been received by the Central Government. The internal distribution of foodgrains/sugar upto the Fair Price Shops and implementation of Public Distribution System (PDS) is the responsibility of the respective State Governments/Union Territory Governments. FCI maintains adequate stocks of wheat, rice and sugar in Delhi and Orissa and wheat and rice in Rajasthan.

नागरिक आपूर्ति मंत्रियों की बैठक

2495. श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार उत्तरी राज्यों के खाद्य और नागरिक

आपूर्ति मंत्रियों की बैठक बुलाने का विचार रखती है ताकि उक्त राज्यों में तथा वहां के शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में खाद्यान्न की कमी से सम्बन्धित समस्याओं तथा उनकी आपूर्ति और इससे सम्बन्धित मामलों को सुलझाया जा सके और खाद्यान्न की पर्याप्त मात्रा में उपलब्धता के प्रश्न पर चर्चा की जा सके; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय): (क) और (ख) खाद्य मंत्रालय के पास उक्त बैठक बुलाने से सम्बन्धित कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। सरकार के पास सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत मांग को पूरा करने के लिए केन्द्रीय पूल में जो स्टाक उपलब्ध है उसकी मात्रा, न्यूनतम बफर स्टाक रखने सम्बन्धी मानदण्डों से काफी अधिक है। सरकार खाद्यान्नों की उपलब्धता और आपूर्ति की लगातार मानीटरिंग करती है।

Sugar Mills

2496. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sugar mills working in each State;

(b) how many of the sugar mills in each State have become sick unite;

(c) what are the details of such mills (State-wise) and the extent of losses suffered by each of them during the last three years;

(d) what steps have the Government taken or propose to take to help the sick sugar mills; and

(e) whether some of the sick sugar mills are being sold in public, if so, what are the details of such mills (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The number of sugar mills working during 1993-94 season in each State is in the statement-l *{See* below).

(b) and (c) Under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, I98S, companies which become sick have to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). These provisions have been extended to cover Government Companies also. BIFR has intimated that as on 30.6.1994 there were 13 cases of sick sugar companies registered with them. A statement showing the State-wise list of such sick sugar companies, as furnished by BIFR, is in the statement-II *(See* below). The Government does not maintain profit and loss accounts in respect of sugar mills.

(d) Sugar Mills have themselves to prepare schemes for rehabilitation/ modernisation and get them approved by the financial institutions. Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rates of interest for such rehabilitation/ modernisation schemes, subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down.

(e) It is for the respective sick sugar Mills/ State Governments to formulate their policy in this regard and the Central Government has no role to play in the matter.

Statement-I

Number of Sugar Milts working during 1993-94 in different States

SI. No.	Name of the State	Number of Sugar mills working during the sugar season 1993-94
1.	Punjab	19
2.	Haryana	II
3.	Rajasthan	3
4.	Uttar Pradesh	109
5.	Madhya Pradesh	8
6.	Gujarat	15
7.	Maharashtra	97
8.	Bihar	22
9.	Assam	2
10.	Orissa	7
11.	West Bengal	2
12.	Nagaland	I
13.	Andhra Pradesh	32
14.	Kamataka	28
15.	Tamil Nadu	32
16.	Pondicherry	2
17.	Kerala	3
18.	Goa	1
	Total	394